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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/823,525	Applicant(s) MATHIA ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because figures 4 and 5 do not contain the steps of the flow chart. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) .

With regards to claim 1, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches a method for analyzing a drive system, comprising:

successively applying a plurality of noise signals to the drive system as input signals, the noise signals covering different frequency ranges; (Refer to figures 1-3) and

determining a transfer function of a target system within the drive system in accordance with the noise signals applied to the drive system in the applying step. (Refer to figures 1-3)

With regards to claim 2, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches the noise signals have different intensities. (140;Refer to figures 1-3)

With regards to claim 3, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches optimizing the intensities by increasing the intensities in steps until a maximum value of a limiting parameter of the drive system is near a limiting value. (140;Refer to figures 1-3)

With regards to claim 6, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches a the transfer function of the target system in an open control loop is determined in accordance with difference signals applied to the target system and corresponding output signals. (Refer to figures 1-3)

With regards to claim 7, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches the determining step includes evaluating a frequency-dependent attenuation and a phase shift between the difference signals and the output signals. (Col.5, lines 62-65)

With regards to claim 8, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches a device for analyzing a drive system, comprising:

an arrangement configured to successively apply a plurality of noise signals to the drive system as input signals, the noise signals covering different frequency ranges; (140;Refer to figures 1-3) and

an arrangement configured to determine a transfer function of a target system within the drive system in accordance with the noise signals applied to the drive system.

With regards to claim 9, Delfosse et al. (USPN 5,278,913) teaches a device for analyzing a drive system, comprising:

means for successively applying a plurality of noise signals to the drive system as input signals, the noise signals covering different frequency ranges; (140;Refer to figures 1-3) and

means for determining a transfer function of a target system within the drive system in accordance with the noise signals applied to the drive system. (Refer to figures 1-3)

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 4 and 5:

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 4 is the inclusion of the method steps of: the noise signals include noises in several frequency bands that always begin at a same lower cutoff frequency and end at a different upper cutoff frequency, the input signal having a widest frequency band completely covering a frequency range to be

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tested. It is this feature found in the claim, as it is claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 5 is the inclusion of the method steps of: the noise signals include one of (a) non-overlapping frequency ranges and (b) frequency ranges that overlap slightly, the frequency ranges together covering a frequency range to be tested. It is this feature found in the claim, as it is claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Eriksson (USPN 4,677,676) teaches active attenuation system with online modeling of speaker error path and feedback pack, and Twiney et al. (USPN 4,953,217)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aditya S. Bhat whose telephone number is 571-272-2270. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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